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APPARATUS, IMAGE PICKUP  
CONTROL METHOD, IMAGE  
PICKUP CONTROL SYSTEM,  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
0 674 435	EPO	September 27, 1995
0 786 715	EPO	July 30, 1997
0 754 994	EPO	January 22, 1997
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PUBLICATIONS:

IEEE 1394 - das Tor zu Multimedia, September, 1997, pages 54 and 56.

IEEE 1394 - The Cable Connection to Complete The Digital Revolution,  
October 18, 1999 [November 11, 1996?], pages 1 to 8.

REMARKS

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the communication indicating how the European Examiner deemed the prior art relevant to the claims in the counterpart application also is enclosed as an English Statement of relevance.

FEE STATEMENT

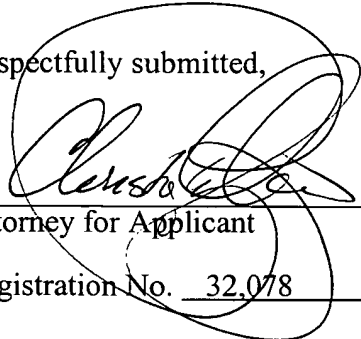
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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